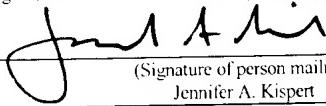


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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this Application, mailed on 10/10/02, and having an original period for response of 3 months, which expired on 1/10/03, be extended by 3 months (s), such that it includes and expires on 4/10/03.

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